

# Early Years Newsletter



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King Henry VIII Preparatory School

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## NURSERY NEWS

### Sports Day

The children had a wonderful time participating in their races during sports afternoon which took place last Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June. It was a fantastic afternoon. Thank you to all those parents who attended to offer valuable support to the children.



### Role-Play

The children have enjoyed a very creative and imaginative end to the year. They have had fun experiencing a Travel Agents in our role-play area and have been looking at holiday brochures, booking holidays, and making passports! We have had some fantastic imaginative play, with children choosing and describing their holiday destinations, also finding out and exploring countries and areas around the world. Available resources and Nursery furniture have also been moved around and positioned by the children to make an aeroplane. The children then imagined they were flying to their chosen destinations. A great idea by the children. Fantastic!



The Nursery outdoor area has also acquired an ice cream parlour in which the children have made their own ice creams to sell or buy in the parlour. Children have been taking ice cream orders while discussing a variety of flavours and making comparisons between choices. Sprinkles and sauces have also been on offer and all children have had a super time!



### Final Day!

On Thursday June 6<sup>th</sup> for our final morning at Nursery, the staff thought it would be lovely to celebrate the children's achievements and their time at Nursery and make the morning a special one.

Therefore, we shall be having a small party which will include the children making sandwiches and decorating their own biscuits which they will then be eating as part of their party snack. They will also be playing some fun games through the morning. Due to this, children will NOT be required to bring their own snack on this day. Water bottles will still need to be brought in as normal.

This is our final Early Years Newsletter of the year and we would like to thank our parents for all your support throughout this school year. We have had a wonderful year and we are sure you will all agree there have been many highlights throughout, including our recent Umberslade Farm Trip and our Nursery Summer Show. We value parental support and you have all been wonderful, so thank you!

As the end of term is upon us it is sad to say goodbye to many of our Nursery children as they move on through the school. We wish them all the best as they begin Reception in September! A few of our children will be starting Reception at different schools and we also wish them well. Term ends next Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> July at 12:00 noon. There will be no afternoon session on this day, and no aftercare. We wish all our parents and children a wonderful summer!



Holiday club begins on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July. If any parents wish to book places for the duration of the summer please could they do so as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

Thank you so much,  
The Nursery Team!

## RECEPTION NEWS

### Wedding Bells!

Our wonderful Ms McDonagh is going home on Tuesday a Miss and returning in September as a Mrs!! She shall no longer be our 'Maccie Donnie', 'Old MacDonald', 'Miss McDonalds' or our lovely 'Donna'. We would like to send luck, love and best wishes to her and Mr Gregory on their special wedding day next week. The last two days of Reception just won't be the same without you!

### Sports Day

We were blessed with the weather last Friday and Reception enjoyed a wonderful first Sports Day at Swallows! Sports Day allowed children to showcase some of the skills they have learnt in P.E with Mr Langkilde, Miss Howell and Mr Worsfield such as sprinting, hoop race and bean bag race. Many of the children commented that "this was the best Sports Day ever"!

This day was made extra special by the fantastic turn out from the parents and the effort and enthusiasm shown by the children. All the children arrived wearing colours for their house. We gave out many gold stars for children showing such a grown up attitude on the day.

### Eid

We would like to say a special thank you to Zahra's and Inayath's parents who allowed us to be part of their Eid celebrations. The children had the opportunity to taste a range of fantastic traditional foods, alongside learning about Eid and the importance of Ramadan. The children enjoyed sharing their ideas about the importance of appreciating different cultures and religions. A brilliant day had by all!



### Nursery/Reception Parent's Coffee Morning

Our Nursery & Reception Parent's Coffee Morning was a huge hit this week. It was wonderful to meet so many new, supportive parents and it was such a delight to welcome our current Reception parents. I hope you enjoyed the event and found the morning useful. It won't be long until before the Reception team are welcoming you in on the first day of school!



### Swimming on our last day!

On Thursday morning our Reception children will be enjoying their final activity morning with us. We shall be playing games with the children, enjoying crafts and last but not least, they shall still enjoy swimming with Miss Manship and Mrs Blincow. **Please ensure your child brings their swimming kit on the final day of term.** We shall make sure all children are dry and dressed for collection at noon!

### Moving Up Day

Each year we hold an annual 'Moving Up Day' for the children. The purpose is to enable the children to spend time with their new class teacher and to support the transition to the next stage in their education. This is such an exciting day for us all as the children spend the day in their new classroom in preparation for September. During the 'Moving Up Day' your child will have met with the staff who will be in their class and year group in September, had taster sessions with short activities and learnt all about the expectations the class teacher has for the forthcoming year. Of particular note was how our Reception children got on so well, enjoyed their time with one another in Year 1 and engaged wholeheartedly in all the lessons. Your Year 1 teachers are looking forward to seeing everyone again in September!

### Good Luck in Year 1!

I think you're very special,  
And I just wanted you to know,  
This year has been amazing,

I'm so sad to see you go!

We've done so much together,  
We've laughed and smiled and learned,  
After such an exciting journey,  
Enjoy the summer break you've earned.  
Remember to come and visit,  
I would love to see you grow,  
You have a lot to learn ahead,  
But there is one thing you should know:  
The thing that makes you wonderful,  
And will shine through all you do,  
Is just to be yourself,  
And be proud that you are you!



**GOOD LUCK IN YEAR ONE, RECEPTION! THANK YOU ALL FOR AN INCREDIBLE YEAR!!**